## ENGLISH SQUEEZED IN.

By a Tie Vote the House Gives Him a Last Chance to Try.

Then by a Bare Majority of Three He Is Given a Seat.

The Elder English Accused of Abusing the Privilege of the Floor by Lobbying.

The Action Defended on the Ground of Extreme Paternal Solicitude.

There were 264 members present when the house resumed the consideration of the Peelle-English contested election case yesterday. The vote on the motion to table the motion to reconsider was lost by a tie vote-132 to 132.

Mr. Converse suggested that the speaker should vote, but the chair replied that that was unnecessary.

The following democrats voted with the Lovering, Mills, Motgan, Moulton,

Aiken, Beach, Boyle, Budd, Collins, Connolly, Connolly, Dargan, Findlay, Greenleaf, Hardoman, Herbert, Hewitt of Alabama, ones of Wisconsin.

Neece, Peel of Arkansas, Potter, Stevens, Summer of California, Inrockmorton, fulman, furner of Georgia,

There was some difficulty in regard to the pairs, but by diligent work on the part of Mesars. Post, of Pennsylvania, and Wilson, of Itowa, who have charge of them for the respective sides of the house, they were finally straightened-out.

The question then recurred on the motion to reconsider and it was agreed to—yeas 133,

to reconsider and it was agreed to—yeas 133, nays 130.

Between the first and second votes Messrs. Lawrence and Lanham paired. Mr. Waller, who had voted with the republicans on the metion to lay on the table, this time refrained from voting, and Mr. Warner, of Ohio, and Mr. Patron, of Pennsylvania, who had not before voted, on this motion voted in the affirmative. This accounts for the change in the result. Mr. Browne, of Indiana, moved to recom

Mr. Browne, of Indiana, moved to recommit the case to the committee on elections, with instructions to that committee to make a recount of the ballots cast for contestant and contestee in all the several voting precipits in the country of Marion, in the seventh congressional district of Indiana, and make report of the result thereof.

Mr. Springer, of Illinois, made the point of order that the motion was not inforder, as the rule which permitted a motion to recommit applied in terms to "bills" and not to "resolutions." He made the further point that even were it in order to recommit a

that even were it in order to recommit a resolution, it was now too late to make the motion, as the house had taken action under operation of the previous question. The speaker overruled the point of order.

The speaker overrised the point of order. The house was then in precisely the same position as when the previous question was ordered. As to the other point that it was not in order to recommit a resolution, the chair was of opinion that the torm "bill" was generic, and included all legislative propositions which could come before the house.

Mr. Blackburn inquired whether it was Mr. Blackburn inquired whether it was not a fact that under the law of Indiana ballots were only required to be preserved for six months. That period having expired there would be no offense committed against the laws of Indiana if the ballots were destroyed or tampered with.

Mr. Peelle, of Indiana, replied that as a matter of fact there was in Marion county a contest for the office of sheriff still pending, and that the ballots had been preserved.

The house, by a vote of yeas 124, nays 134, refused to recommit the resolution.

Mr. Horr, of Michigan, rising to a question

Mr. Horr, of Michigan, rising to a question of privilge, said: "No ex-member of congress has a right to the floer, if he takes it and then abuses its privileges by attempting to influence legislation here. I now rise to say that it has been brought to my notice by a democratic member of this house that an exember of congress, who is the father of one of the litigants in this case, has been on the floor of the house soliciting members, sending for them, taking them into consultation, and

for them, taking them into consultation, and attempting to indicence them in their votes on this case. If that be true it is such a violation of the dignity and integrity of this house that it ought not to go unnoticed."

"I desire to say," replied Mr. Randall, of Pennsylvania, "that the father of the contestant would be unnatural if he did not take the deepest interest in his son's contest. [Applaces on the democratic and laughter on the plause on the democratic and laughter on the places of the democratic and targeter on the republican side.] And I stand here a witness to the fact that that gentleman has exercised the most careful propriety in connection therewith." [Applause on the democratic.

"And I want to say further," broke in Mr. Blount, of Georgia, "that it is a notorious fact, known by all the members on this floor, that this rule has been violated time and again; that ex-members of congress in the employ of railroad companies and in other interests have been importuning members on

this floor."
"Why did you not call attention to it?"
inquired Mr. Brown, of Pennsylvania. Why have not you done it?" retorted Mr.

Because I have not known it," replied Mr. Brown.

"Oh! my dear sir; you are a very inno-cent person," returned Mr. Blount. "I want to add that this rule has been obsolete for months and years. It ought to have been enforced, and the gentleman from Indiana is certainly excusable under the circumstances, when the rule has been obsolete in every other direction."

other direction."

Mr. Springer made the point that the rule related to a person who was interested in a claim pending before congress. It had reference to a pecuniary interest to hired attorneys coming on the floor and advocating the passage of a claim, and it had never been assumed that it had any reference to a gentleman who came looking after the interests. other direction.' tleman who came looking after the interests of a friend or relative in a contested election

Mr. Horr said that he had made the state ment, not for the purpose of any political claptrap, but because he found that the dig-nity of the house and its honor were being violated, and he fel: it his duty to call the attention of the hose to the fact. The gentleman from Penns jivania said that it was natural for a father to feel for his son. So it was, but it was also natural for him, if he had the sense of henor he should have, to do

had the sense of henor he should have, to do
it in a seemly and becoming manner.

"And so he has," exclaimed Mr. Randall,

"And not do it," continued Mr. Horr, "by
outraging the rules of this house. If you do
not believe what I tell you investigate this
matter, and I promise to prove a good deal
more than I have stated. No man with a
keen sense of honer would be found on this
floor doing what he has been doing in this
case."

The speaker said that the gentleman had animitted no motion to the house. The fact that the gentleman complained of is an ex-member was not disputed, but it was alloyed that he had violated his privilege. That was

that he had violated his privilege. That was a matter for the house to investigate and determine. It was not a matter which the house could determine ex parte.

Mr. White, of Kentucky, moved that the sergeant-at-arms be directed to arrest the Hon, Wm. H. English and bring him to the bar of the house to show whether he has violated the privileges of the floor.

This motion was received with laughter, and Mr. White subsequently withdraw it are

and Mr. White subsequently withdrow it, saying that he did so at the request of the con-

testee.

Mr. Cox, of New York, then rose to defend his old friend, who had been insulted by the motion. He gave the origin of the rule regulating the admission of ex-members to the floor. He had originally drawn up the rule gap a time when the republican party was rising toward the very height of corruption, and when ex-members come here to lobby for the rultroad stabs which the democratic ulating the admission of ex-members to the floor. He had esignally drawn up the rule at a time when the republican party was rising toward the very height of certuption, and when ex-members come here to labby for the railroad grabs which the democratic

party was now undertaking to forfolt. [Ap-plause on the democratic side.] Mr. Milliken of Maine. Is there any highes

Mr. Milliken of Maine. Is there any higher claim, or more sacred claim than the title of a member to his seat?

Mr. Cox. I would rather have a man come here undertaking to present the claims of his son honorably to the house, than your mean, sneaking mercenaries, that come here to grab and raid the public treasury.

Mr. Bayne offered a resolution instructing the committee or rules to inquire and report

Mr. Isayne offered a resolution instructing
the committee on rules to inquire and report
to the house whether or not the Hon. Wm.
H. English, an ex-member of this house, has
violated the privileges thereof in the contested election case of English vs. Peelle.

The speaker said that while the resolution
undoubtedly presented a question of privilege, he did not think that it was of a higher
privilege, than the right of a member to his

privilege than the right of a member to his eat, and except by consent it could not be

offered.
Mr. Blackburn said the resolution would

be adopted by acclamation.

Mr. Hoblitzeli objecting, Mr. Bayne withdrow the resolution for the time being.

The question recorring on the minority resolution it was lost—yeas 128, nays 129—and the majority resolution adopted—yeas 130, nays 129.

Mr. William E. English then appeared at the bar of the house and took the oath of

Mr. Bayne reoffered his resolution as a question of privilege.

Mr. Dunn suggested that it be amended by

Mr. Dunn suggested that it be amended by directing an inquiry as to whether Green B. Raum, late a member of this house, had lobbied for the whisky bill.

Mr. Thompson hoped that no such amendment would be pressed.

Mr. Bayne said that he made his proposition in good faith for the purpose of preserving the integrity and dignity of the house. He cared not whom it might hit. He offered it because he had information that a member of this house had voted in the early part of the proceedings; that he had been asked to leave his seat; that he had been asked to leave his seat; that he had the reafter disappeared from the floor of the house without having been paired. Having that indisappeared from the floor of the house without having been paired. Having that information, he felt it to be right and just that
an inquiry should be made by a competent
committee. [The member to whom Mr.
Bayne makes reference is Mr. Weller, of
lowa, who voted on the first roll call yesterday, and did not do so thereafter.] Whenever an ox-member came on the floor and
attempted to influence any logislative action,
he about by held up to multic contemps and he should be held up to public contempt and hatred, and should be exposed in order that the deliberations of this body should be kept

clear of any such interference.

Mr. Nicholls inquired whether the attorney
for Mr. Peelle had not been constantly lobby-

ing on the floor.

Mr. Horr replied that he knew nothing about it, but he was informed that Mr. Peelle's attorney had not.

Mr. Nicholls. I have been informed exactly

the reverse. the reverse.

Mr. Horr. If the gentleman knows that fact, and feels interested in the dignity and propriety of the proceedings of the house, the duty devolves on him of offering a resolution of breity.

of inquiry.
Mr. Nicholls. I refer to Mr. Jere Wilson,

air. Nicholis. I rofer to Mr. Jere Wilson, ox-member from Indiana, who has been on the floor lobbying in the interest of Mr. Peelle. Mr. Cannou. I have not seen him, and I don't think anybody else has.

Mr. Horr said that since he called the attention of the house to this matter not a single man on the other side had arisen in his seat and denied a single thing which he had charged, or intimated that it was not true.

We are not as suspicious as you are, ex-

We are not as suspicious as you are, explained Mr. Cosgrove.

The enly thing that comes from members on the other side is that "You're snether," continued Mr. Horr. He thought it unseemly and indecent for an ex-member to lobby in a contested election case, and any one who did so should be punished.

Mr. Springer. Are not two ex-members— Wilson and Shollabarger—attorneys of record for Mr. Poelle ? Mr. Horr. Have you seen either of them on

two days, it is time the house purged itself of this kind of work.

Mr. Raudall. There has been no admission

of that sort whatever. We are entirely con-tent on this side to have the investigation Mr. Bayne modified his resolution by grant-

ing the committee power to send for persons and papers.

Mr. Hammond offered an amendment intrusting the investigation to a select commit-tee of seven members, to be appointed by the speaker, and requiring it further to inquire whether any ex-member, employed as agent or attorney in any contested election case, or for any railroad or other corporation, having any claim pending, has, during this seasion, abused the privileges allowed him under rule 34, and report who they are and how they have abused the privileges granted them. The amendment was agreed to and the reso-lution as amended adopted.

Building Permits. Building permits were issued yesterday to William Burgess, to build one dwelling on Rhode Island avenue, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets northwest, to cost \$3,200; McIntesh & Gasten, to build three dwellings on B street, between Second and Third streets northwest, to cost \$2,000; R. W. Wilkerson, to build a dwelling on P street, between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets northwest, to cost \$1,500.

Congressmen Were Mistaken.

License Agent Jones has written a letter to the commissioners, stating that Representatives Cox and Skinner were erroneously informed about the license laws of the district. He says that the way the law is avoided is through the ownership dedge. The courts decided that an owner did not have to take out a license to sell by samples, and the owners have taken advantage of it.

Another Colored Harvard Graduate. Mr. R. H. Terrell, of this city, graduates from Harvard college in June. He was formerly a pupil in the Sumaer High school (colored), and was prepared for college by Prof. R. T. Greener. Mr. Terrell has been selected as one of the six speakers on com-mencement day out of a class of 225. His subject is, "The Negro Race in America Since Its Emancipation."

She Wanted a Charlot,

Annie Snowden, a colored woman, kicked against walking to the funeral of her father on Tuesday, and a general free fight ensued. Judge Snell had a number of the participants before him yesterday, but the case being so complicated he dismissed it.

ARMY AND NAVY.

Leave of absence for lifteen days is granted First leutenant John A. Payne, 19th infastry. Second Lieutenant Harry C. Hale, 12th infantry, a appointed to not as inspector on certain recruiting property at the recruiting rendezvous, Clevesiand, Outo.

The leave of absence on surgeon's certificate of disability granted Maj. Heary G. Thomas, pay-master, Feb. 27, 1884, is extended four months on surgeon's certificate of disability.

First Lieutenant Tasker H. Bliss, lat artillery, will repair to this city and report to Brig. Gen. John Newton, chief of engineers, for preliminary work connected with the duty assigned to the spard.

board.

Passed Assistant Engineer W. S. Mintzer, and
Assistant Engineers J. A. Heuderson, W. B. Boggs,
and C. A. E. King have been ordered to the United
States steamer Passate. Orders have been issued
for the United States steamers Vandalis and Yantie, now at Key West, to proceed to New York.

## THE POSTAL TELEGRAPH.

Report of the Senate Committee in Favor of It.

How the Water in Western Union Increases Telegraph Tolls.

Some Interesting Estimates of the Probable Cost of Reproducing Its System.

The Several Advantages of the Postal Plan Reviewed.

The senate committee has agreed upon its report on the postal telegraph bill. They state that the capital of the Western Union company is \$80,000,000; its bonded debt is \$7,778,000, bearing an annual interest of \$466,911, and the annual rentals which it has assume obligations to pay for leased lines in this country are \$528,000, which leases, capitalized on the basis of an annual interest of 6 per cent., are equal to a debt of \$8,800,000. Its total share, debt, and rental capital is therefore \$96,578,000, and its dividends, at

the rate of 6 per cent., require it to earn \$5,-784,911.

It is also under obligations to pay annual It is also under obligations to pay annual rentals of \$700,000 for Atlantic cables, and of \$301,000 for Cuban cables and for the gold and stock company, being a total of \$1,100,000, which if capitalized at 6 per cent, interest is equal to a debt of \$16,683,000. But if this leased property as a whole yields an income equal to the rentals paid for it, it will not be necessary for the Western Union company to impose a tax upon the internal telegraphic business of the company in order to make good a deficiency. How much income it does yield does not clearly appear. The stock capital of the company has nearly all arison from stock dividends and from purchases made of the lines of other companies, which were paid for by issues of stock.

The report here contains a history of the successive leases, consolidations of the com-pany from 1863, when its stock capital was

\$3,000,000 to the present time.

It is ovident, the report continues, without pursuing this branch of the subject further, that the price which the Western Union paid

in its stock for competing lines were vastly in excess of either the cost or carning capacity of the property acquired.

It was claimed before the committee, by the president of the Western Union, that it had expended out of its current earnings, considerable money on construction account; that is to say, in addition to its lines and compensate every and above their maintee. equipments, over and above their mainte-nance. This may be true to some extent, but cannot be true to the extent of justifying the enormous stock dividends which the comenormous stock dividends which the com-pany has made, nor was the appropriation of current income to construction accounts sufficient to prevent the payment of munifi-cient cash dividends to the shareholders, who received, in that way, from 1867 to 1883, (both inclusive) \$34,000,000 in addition to stock dividends of \$25,807,190.

As the prices paid by the Western Union in its own stock do not furnish even an approximate idea of the actual cast of the

in its own stock do not furnish even an approximate idea of the actual cost of the lines which it has purchased from other companies, and as the representatives of the Western Uniou, which alone possesses the information, have given no definite or detailed account of the amounts of money it has itself expended in the construction of lines, the committee have endeavored to ascertain what it would now cost to reproduce lines equal in all respects to those of the Western Union, amounting in all to 431,623 miles. Deducting wires leased to newspapers and in other ways out of service to the company. Mr. Horr. Have you seen either of them on this floor?

Mr. Springer. I don't know that I have, but I am informed that they have been here.

Mr. Horr. Has any man intimated to you that they have spoken to asingle member?

Mr. Springer. They were employed on account of their ability and the fact that they could obtain admission to the floor.

Mr. Horr. English had importuned could not be counted on the fingers of one hand.

A member. Who told you?

Mr. Horr. Get your investigation, and if the thing is not true it cannot be proven. If it is true it will be apt to be proven. If it is true it will be apt to be proven. If it is true it will be apt to be proven. If it is true it will be apt to be proven. If it is true it will be apt to be proven. If it is true it will be apt to be proven. If it is true it will be apt to be proven. If the think that as gentlemen by silence admit that this thing has been going on for the last two days, it is time the house purged itself of other ways out of service to the company, the rentals not appearing in the company's receipts for telegrams, the committee think the number of mills of wire would be resay that their own conclusions correspond with the opinion of the country, that its effect in that direction cannot be a matter of doubt, and that it has been very great. The swellen capitalization of the Western Union has created at one and the same time a cover, an inducement, and in the same senses a necessity for excessive charges for telegrams. So long as, and so far as, the public have been made to believe that the nominal capital was a real one, it has tended to cause an acquiescence in excessive charges, while the exposure of the actual nature of the neminal capital does not diminish the pressure of the motives which impel the managers of the company to keep up charges which are essential to the main-tenance of the present dividends upon the immense mass of its watered stock.

For the purposes of rolleving the country of the burden of charges for telegrams which are too high, of making those charges more equal as between different localities, and different classes of telegrams, and of guarding against the mischief and dangers of leaving the control of the telegraphic business of the councontrol of the telegraphic business of the country in the hands of a private company which enjoys a practical monopoly, the committee have reported the accompanying bill (S. 2022). The constitutional right of this government to establish a postal telegraph, under its power to establish postoffices and postroads, seems too clear to require argument. It has always been recognized, and the first telegraphic line in this country was constructed and operated and owned by the United States.

The advantages to be expected from the passage of the bill, the report asserts, are as

1. It largely reduces the average charges now paid by the public for telegraph serv-ices. Taking all the evidence together, it must be very near the fact to say that the reduction made by the bill in the average charge per telegram will be from 39 cents to 25 cents immediately, and to 20 cents

cents to 25 cents immediately, and to 20 cents at the end of five years.

2. The plan inaugurated by the first ten sections of the bill secures during the first five years an absolute unformity of charges for day telegrams within all distances not exceeding 1,000 miles, and for night telegrams within all distances not exceeding 2,000 miles.

2,000 miles. 2,000 miles.
3. The plan provided in this bill secures, from the commencement of its operation, a uniformity of charges irrespective of the amount of business in different places for telegrams to newspapers and to commercial news associations.

4. The bill, while it may not wholly re-

move, does, to an important degree, lesson the danger that the purvoying and prepara-tion of the intelligence sent to newspapers and to commercial news associations will be subjected to a concealed censorship, whereby it may be colored and distorted so as to sub-serve political purposes, to mislead public opinion as to the merits or demerits of men opinion as to the merits or demerits of men and measures, to prevent legislation, and to favor schemes of private gain. Under the present telegraphic system the possibility of such a species of censorabip, which is one of the most alarming dangers which mence the country, arises in two distinct ways, each of which requires a separate consideration. The first is the power which the telegraph companies themselves have of manipulating news for sinster purposes, and the second is the same power possessed by the Associated Press, and other similar associations, not themselves owning telegraph lines. ions, not themselves owning telegraph lines, but making special compacts for transmission of telegrams over lines owned and managed by others. It will appear that the power of the telegraph company in this respect will be entirely taken away by the pending bill, and that the power of the Associated Press and similar associations will be greatly reduced.

For the purpose, the report says, of giving fabulous fortunes to its inside managers and their friends, the Western Union need, not sond untrue market quotations. It has only to give the true quotations a single hour, or

tess than that, in advance to those whom it means to favor, and the work it effectually accomplished. No such power should be allowed to exist in this country, even if no past abuses of it can be shown to have oc-curred, or even if he believed that there have been, in fact, no abuses of it. The tempta-tion to abuse it is enormous, and will sooner

or later prove to be irresistible.

The bill will effectually take the power away from the Western Union or any other private telegraph company, by the low rates which it secures to everybedy, and by the still lower rates which it secures to commercial news associations. Competition in furnishing commercial and financial news to all points and places is not to be expected under points and places is not to be expected under this bill, but it will be sufficient if it insures, this bill, but it will be sufficient if it insures, as it is sure to do, competition in furnishing such news to the more important places, whereby the field for profitably tampering with public intelligence will be so narrowed that the temptation will no-longer constitute a sensible danger.

The report has not yet been made the subject of a formal vote, but it was given out for publication yesterday as expressive of the views of a majority of the committee.

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